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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT   : Communications-Electronics Requirements

1. In the event of war or mobilization of the nation's man-power and production facilities, it is highly probable that inter-service and inter-departmental technical liaison in communications-electronics matters will become increasingly important to avoid duplication of effort and to insure that electronic developments of all agencies are utilized.

2. The continued effective operation of many phases of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency require communications-electronics systems and equipment. A large percentage of this equipment is procured directly from the appropriate military service and represents a drain on their stock levels. The bal-ance is produced solely for this Agency and in many instances is specifically designed by our communications engineers to be com-patible with military communication systems during joint or sup-porting operations.

3. In addition to the equipment requirements referred to in the foregoing paragraph, by the nature of its responsibilities it would appear most desirable that this Agency have representation, or at least a technical observer, on the Strategic Communications Plans (J/SP), the Frequency Allocation Panel (J/FA), and the Secur-ity & Cryptographic Panel (J/SC) of the Joint Communications-Electronics Organization.

4. Accordingly, it is requested that this Agency be afforded official representation in a suitable manner on appropriate working groups of the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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